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1. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. Jack Conmy, Press Secretary to Senator Richard Schweiker (R., Pa.), who told me that [redacted] is back in town and will be coming by the office later in the morning. [redacted] apparently has a new edition of his mimeograph letter of complaints about harassment by the Central Intelligence Agency and charges against Senator Scott (R., Pa.) and other Members of Congress. Mr. Conmy told me that he is familiar with the extensive correspondence background in the Senator's file but just wanted to check if we had any comment at the present time. I thanked Mr. Conmy for the call and told him that since the Agency had never had any employment or other personal relationship with [redacted] we had nothing to add. Mr. Conmy told me if I cared to come by, he would show me a copy of [redacted] most recent letter.

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2. [redacted] Met with Mr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, in response to his earlier call and gave him a copy of the chronicle of current events, a Soviet publication that mentions the trial of Mr. Kudirka, the Lithuanian sailor who was returned to a Soviet trawler by the United States Coast Guard. I told Mr. Westphal that we do not have a copy of the transcript of the trial that was reported in the Post but that the area desk at Department of State should be able to help him.

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Mr. Westphal told me that the Committee will begin hearings on Tuesday, 14 September, on H. R. 9637, a bill to establish an American council on national communications (the RFE/RL bill) and gave me a list of the witnesses who are scheduled to appear. [redacted] [redacted] has been advised.

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3. [redacted] of OER, called to advise us of a call he had received from Mr. Praegle, in the Library of Congress. Praegle said that Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) had focused on articles written by two Agency employees which were published in a Joint Economic Committee study and had expressed a desire to talk with the two persons involved. [redacted] said he was going to take this up with the DDI but wanted to alert us to the inquiry. I mentioned several ways in which we could handle this including having Harrington place his request through the Armed Services Committee staff to which he is a member. [redacted] will be back in touch with us after he has talked to Mr. Proctor.

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4. [redacted] John Lehman, White House staff, called regarding Senator John Stennis' letter to the President recommending

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He proposed an early LIG meeting on the subject. See Memo for the Record.

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5. [redacted] Talked to Mrs. Ward, in the office of Senator Frank Church, to whom I explained the purpose of my desire for an early meeting with the Senator (with regard to his allegations of Air America responsibility for herbicidal attacks in Cambodia). She said the earliest possibility would be Tuesday, 14 September, at 2:00 p.m.

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6. [redacted] Discussed with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, plans for Representative Lucien Nedzi's visit to Headquarters for an orientation briefing on the Agency and the community. Slatinshek asked for an outline of what we propose and I said the Director planned a very informal session with just three or four Agency officers, which would take the form of a give-and-take discussion, and questions and answers. Slatinshek wanted something on paper, so I agreed to send him copies of the charts setting forth the organization and functions of the community and Agency components which I said we would probably use to kick off the discussion.

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7. [redacted] Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about Senator Stennis' letter to the President and how it should be interpreted. See Memo for Record.

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8. [redacted] [redacted] O/DDI, received a call yesterday from Mark Wandler, of the NSC staff. Wandler was relaying a request from John Lehman, of the White House staff, for copies of "Agency fact sheets on

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[redacted] Later in the morning Mr. Maury talked with Lehman and advised him that he was forwarding material to Dr. Kissinger on this subject.

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